

HOUSE JOINT RESOLUTION 940

By Camper

A RESOLUTION to honor the memory of Alma Tate of Memphis.

WHEREAS, the members of this General Assembly were greatly saddened to learn of the passing of Alma Tate, the beloved mother of our esteemed colleague Senator Reginald Tate; and

WHEREAS, Mrs. Tate was an exemplary public servant and consummate professional who worked assiduously to improve the quality of life for her fellow citizens in numerous capacities; and

WHEREAS, born October 4, 1927, Alma Tate was the daughter of Reverend Lewis Armstead Smith and Ida B. Bryant; she attended Manassas High School in Memphis; and

WHEREAS, a woman of abiding faith, she was baptized at an early age and joined Halliburton Missionary Baptist Church in Nesbitt, Mississippi; and

WHEREAS, Alma Tate served with acumen and alacrity at Walgreen's Distribution, where she earned the respect of her peers and superiors alike for the exemplary quality of her work; and

WHEREAS, Mrs. Tate was also deeply devoted to her family, and she always endeavored to remain true to family values of the highest order; and

WHEREAS, the cherished matriarch of her family, Alma Tate will be fondly remembered by her devoted daughter, Trezette Tate McNeal, with whom she resided; three sons, Darnell Tate, Senator Reginald O. Tate, and Alvin Tate; fifteen grandchildren; two great-grandchildren; one great-great-grandchild; and a host of other relatives and friends; and

WHEREAS, in addition to her parents, she was preceded in death by her husband and two sons; and

WHEREAS, Mrs. Tate leaves behind an indelible legacy of integrity and probity in public life, compassion and loyalty in private life, and diligence and dedication in all her chosen endeavors; and

WHEREAS, it is fitting that the members of this General Assembly should pause to remember the bountiful life of this exceptional public servant and human being; now, therefore,

BE IT RESOLVED BY THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES OF THE ONE HUNDRED TENTH GENERAL ASSEMBLY OF THE STATE OF TENNESSEE, THE SENATE CONCURRING, that we honor the memory of Alma Tate, reflecting fondly upon her impeccable character and her stalwart commitment to living the examined life with courage and conviction.

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED, that we express our sympathy and offer our condolences to the family of Mrs. Tate.

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED, that an appropriate copy of this resolution be prepared for presentation with this final clause omitted from such copy.